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2. Mr. Houston and I discussed with Mr. Koffsky, of the Department of Justice, proposed revisions of the Espionage Act and other internal security laws. While no major changes appear in the making, CIA would be greatly assisted by a proposed change of Section 1905, of Title 18 of the USC, regarding disclosure of confidential information by present and past Government employees, contractors, and the like. In addition, the Department plans to re-introduce the Atomic Weapons Awards Act which failed of passage in the 83rd Congress, and amendments to the Foreign Agents Registration Act, which also failed of passage, and which were included in part at CIA's request. It will also be necessary to review general statutes in the internal security field to see whether they are broad enough in their definitions of defense installations and materiel to include CIA installations and facilities manufacturing material for CIA use.

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